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The American People Deserve Better

Congress Must Put Everyday Americans First, Put Politics Aside and Finally Get This Right

WASHINGTON, D.C. – We as a nation are currently facing serious economic hardships. Too many people in Louisiana, and across the country, are hurting today. Just about every American family has had to cut back and go without something.

Unfortunately, our federal government does not act in the same manner as our responsible families. Rather than follow their lead, our government is spending more than it collects . . . much more.

When the House passed the economic stimulus package last week, I had severe concerns regarding the massive spending proposed. This apprehension stems from the fact that this “stimulus” will stimulate the federal government—not the economy. In my opinion, this legislation is a wish list of wasteful spending that will do little to put Americans back to work.

Now, the Democratic-authored proposal is approaching \$940 billion and neither I—nor the American taxpayers who will foot this bill—know why the majority of this spending is necessary.

As your voice in Congress, I promised never to allow partisan politics to interfere with my decisions about what is best for the people I represent. I, along with every House Republican, unanimously rejected this proposal for one reason—it will not work.

Almost every member, on both sides of the aisle, agrees that we desperately need to do something to revive the economy and to put money in our pockets and food on our tables; however, this bill fails that standard. We cannot borrow and spend our way back to a growing economy.

During this time of national economic crisis, our country deserves a stimulus bill that will create jobs and draw on the best ideas of both political parties.

House Republicans are committed to an open and transparent exchange of ideas to find the best solutions to get the U.S. economy back on track. Job creation and rebuilding our economy will always be a priority for me and my office, and should take center stage in any plan Congress considers.

I will continue to stand up for the best interests of the American people, and the American people deserve better—they deserve an economic stimulus plan that will stimulate more than the federal government and a growing national debt.

Congress must put everyday Americans first. It is imperative that we put politics aside and finally get this right.

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